

Application No.: 09/997,530

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In re Patent Application of:

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Examiner: Daniel H. Pan

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For: APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND METHOD  
FOR CONFIGURATION OF ADAPTIVE  
INTEGRATED CIRCUITRY HAVING  
FIXED, APPLICATION SPECIFIC  
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Sir:

Please advise, in writing, as to the current status of the halting of the response period for the Office Action mailed October 12, 2007; as agreed to by Examiner Pan in conversations with the undersigned; the latest conversation being on February 1, 2008. Applicants have reviewed Private Pair and do not find either a halting of the response period for this Office Action or issuance of a new Office Action. Since the statutory deadline for replying to this Office Action is fast approaching, Applicants are sending this status request.

Please note regarding the agreement that in separate conversations between the undersigned and Examiner Pan (and separately with SPE Chan), an agreement was reached with Examiner Pan whereby Examiner Pan agreed to halt the response period for the above-identified

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Office Action, and agreed to issue a new Office Action. The agreement was entered into after the undersigned pointed out defects in several of the claims rejections in the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that the agreed-to halting of the response period be made effective at the Examiner's early convenience, well before the April 12, 2008 statutory reply deadline. Please kindly indicate the status below and return it to the Applicants.

Please kindly indicate below when the agreed-to halting of the response period will occur:

- The response period for the Office Action mailed October 12, 2007 for Appl. No. 09/997,530 will be halted per the agreement, by \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

Please also kindly indicate below when the agreed-to issuance of a new corrected Office Action will occur:

- The estimated date for issuance of a new corrected Office Action for Appl. No. 09/997,530 is \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (415) 984-8200.

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